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In the Claims:

Claims 1-55 (CANCELLED)

56. (NEW) A system for providing configuration
data for remotely accessing electronic mail (email) on a
plurality of source mailboxes, the system comprising:
a user system comprising
a plurality of email clients for accessing the
plurality of source mailboxes, and
a mailbox configuration data source having
configuration parameters stored therein for configuring
access to the plurality of source mailboxes from said
plurality of email clients;
a web service for allowing said user system to
access the plurality of source mailboxes; and
a configuration module for retrieving from said
mailbox configuration data source, without user intervention,
respective configuration parameters for at least one source
mailbox, and for transmitting the respective configuration
parameters to said web service to configure said web service
also without user intervention;
said configuration module comprising an import
module having a plurality of mailbox import agents
corresponding to ones of said plurality of email clients for
retrieving, without user intervention, configuration
parameters from said mailbox configuration data source and
generating respective configuration data objects for each
respective one of the plurality of source mailboxes.

57. (NEW)   The system according to Claim 56, wherein said web service comprises an internet service provider (ISP) that uses configuration parameters for accessing electronic mail from another internet service provider.

58. (NEW)   The system according to Claim 56, wherein said plurality of source mailboxes comprises a plurality of interfaces that use the configuration parameters on-the-fly for accessing respective electronic mailboxes.

59. (NEW)   The system according to Claim 56, and further comprising a web service interface module that formats the configuration data objects for submission to said web service.

60. (NEW)   The system according to Claim 56, wherein said user system comprises one of a web browser and email client.

61. (NEW)   The system according to Claim 56, wherein said user system comprises one of a personal computer and mobile communications device.

62. (NEW)   The system according to Claim 56, wherein said configuration module is implemented as a component object module.

63.   (NEW)   The system according to Claim 56,
wherein said configuration module is implemented as an ActiveX
control.

64.   (NEW)   A method for providing configuration
data for remotely accessing electronic mail (email) on a
plurality of source mailboxes, the method comprising:

providing a user system comprising

a plurality of email clients for accessing the
plurality of source mailboxes, and

a mailbox configuration data source having
configuration parameters stored therein for configuring
access to the plurality of source mailboxes from the
plurality of email clients;

configuring a web service to allow the user system
to access the plurality of source mailboxes; and

configuring a configuration module to retrieve from
the mailbox configuration data source, without user
intervention, respective configuration parameters for at least
one source mailbox, and to transmit the respective
configuration parameters to the web service to configure the
web service also without user intervention;

the configuration module comprising an import module
having a plurality of mailbox import agents corresponding to
ones of the plurality of email clients for retrieving, without
user intervention, configuration parameters from the mailbox
configuration data source and generating respective
configuration data objects for each respective one of the
plurality of source mailboxes.

65.   (NEW)   The method according to Claim 64,
wherein configuring the web service comprises configuring the
web service as an internet service provider (ISP) and using
configuration parameters for accessing electronic mail from
another internet service provider.

66.   (NEW)   The method according to Claim 64,
further comprising forming an interface that uses
configuration parameters on-the-fly for accessing an
electronic mailbox.

67.   (NEW)   The method according to Claim 64,
further comprising formatting the configuration data objects
for submission to the web service.

68.   (NEW)   The method according to Claim 64,
wherein configuring the configuration module comprises
implementing the configuration module as a component object
module.

69.   (NEW)   The method according to Claim 64,
wherein configuring the configuration module comprises
implementing the configuration module as an ActiveX control.